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TOWN'S SPORTS FANS HOOKED BY PLAY-OFFS

AMAZING WEEK AHEAD AS COBBLERS AND SAINTS REACH FINALS



Sports fans were this week preparing for trips to London in successive weekends as Northampton's two biggest teams reached their play-off finals.

Northampton Town travel to Wembley this Saturday for the NPower League Two play-off final against Bradford City.

And the following Saturday, their rugby neighbours, the Saints, head off to Twickenham for an Aviva Premiership showdown with Midlands rivals, Leicester Tigers.

More than 20,000 Cobblers fans had snapped up their tickets earlier this week for a match that could earn them promotion into League One, and money-making fixtures against Peterborough United and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Saints only had an allocation of 7,500 tickets for their match and they were selling rapidly too for the title decider.

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Judge in interpreters row as murder hearing delayed

The Government has said it will not investigate a firm which failed to send a Mandarin interpreter for a court appearance of murder suspect, Anxiang Du.

Capita, the firm contracted by the Ministry of Justice to provide foreign interpreters in courts, was branded a "disgrace" by a High Court Judge last week after Du's latest court appearance had to be adjourned.

Du, aged 54, was due to enter pleas for charges of murdering Jifeng Ding, his wife Helen, and their two children Xing, aged 18, and Alice, aged 12.

During the plea and case management hearing at Nottingham Crown Court on Friday, at which Anxiang Du was present, the High Court Judge explained he had asked for an interpreter to be booked.

However, he said the firm indicated that it was not worth

sending one as they "would not make enough money" from the hearing.

The court heard the firm had been ordered to send an interpreter, but when the hearing started at 2pm there was no interpreter present and therefore no pleas were entered.

The Mandarin interpreter did eventually arrive at about 2.30pm, but the hearing had already finished and she left the court precincts soon afterwards.

Mr Justice Flaux said: "To say that the presiding judge of the court is annoyed about this is an understatement."

Instead a fresh plea and management hearing is to be held at Northampton Crown Court in July.

Northampton North MP, Michael Ellis, himself a barrister, labelled the debacle as an "outrage and a disgrace".

However, a Capita spokesman denied the firm had re-



fused to send an interpreter.

He said: "After the original interpreter booked to attend the hearing was unable to attend, Capita worked to secure a replacement.

"The replacement interpreter could not attend until 2.30pm and we communicated this, in good time, to the court.

"Capita at no time refused

to arrange an interpreter to attend Nottingham Crown Court on cost or any other grounds."

A Ministry of Justice spokesman said: "We have worked with Capita to make dramatic improvements in the interpreter service, saving taxpayers £15 million last year. These kinds of issues are now rare."



Anxiang Di (above) is charged with the murders of Jifeng and Helen Ding and their daughters, Xing and Alice

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Bridegroom vows to keep up with match on big day



Cobblers fan Tim Antell will be tying the knot with Kirsty Hay as his team walk out at Wembley.

A Cobblers fan is torn between his team and his bride-to-be, as they are set to get married on Saturday, as the side walks out at Wembley.

Tim Antell and fiancée Kirsty Hay booked their wedding 18 months ago, and following the Cobblers' win against Cheltenham Town, it now clashes with their big play-off date.

The couple will be walking down the aisle at St Michael and All Angels Church, in Ashton, just as the Cobblers prepare to kick off against Bradford City.

Mr Antell is now plotting ways of keeping track on the game's progress, including sneaking a radio into the church, he said.

But putting the big day

back was never an option, as the couple have already been forced to postpone their wedding twice before.

The first was cancelled when the reception venue went out of business, and the second was when their daughter, Taylor, was born prematurely.

Football aside, both Mr Antell, aged 31, and Miss Hay, aged 29, of Kingsthorpe, Northampton, said they were excited about their big day.

Mr Antell said: "It would have been nice to take my little girl to Wembley and take in the atmosphere, but it was not to be.

"I've been winding up the missus, saying one of the ushers is going to be sitting there with a radio.

"And I'm going to slip the vicar some money to get it done early, so we can get down the pub. I'm still not over it, but she isn't bothered.

"I'm hoping I'm going to have chilled out a bit, but I'm still going to wear my scarf.

"We've been together for nearly 10 years and we've been a bit unlucky.

"The first time the venue cancelled because it went bust. Then my daughter was born prematurely. My brother got married last year, so that was his year.

"We went for this year and you don't think Cobblers are going to get to Wembley.

"Maybe it's an omen."

A workmate of six years, John Connor, said of his colleague: "He was like an angry

bear on Monday.

"All his mates are Cobblers fans as well, so he's been joking that he's the most unpopular bloke in Kingsthorpe at the moment." Mr Antell's fiancée, Kirsty Hay, said she plans to embrace the Cobblers' Wembley trip as part of her big day.

Asked how Mr Antell is, she said: "I'm giving him a wide berth for a few days! "He was gutted he couldn't go to Wembley, but he said he isn't going to postpone on me.

"I'm really excited. We've just decided we are going to embrace it. I think there will be a few cheers and boos in the church, which takes the stress out of it.

"He picked the date, but has tried to put the blame on me!"

Coaches laid on to ferry fans to Wembley



A CAVALCADE of coaches with 1,000 cheering Cobblers fans on board will leave for Wembley on Saturday, thanks to the work of dedicated volunteers.

Jenny Parker, who runs Sixfields Travel Club, has been inundated with phone calls since the Cobblers secured their spot in the NPow-er League Two play-off final.

And as a result, 18 full coaches, including two dou-

ble-deckers, will leave Sixfields on Saturday morning.

Mrs Parker will be backed up by a team of volunteer stewards, who are all giving their time for free, with two manning each coach.

All coaches have been booked through Towcester travel firm, SMSX Trav, which had to hire in extra buses to cope with demand.

Mrs Parker, aged 59, of Collingtree Park, said: "We've

got 18 full coaches and it's really 20, because two are double-deckers. I've had to stop because I can't get any more coaches.

"It just doesn't end! I'm getting a bit nervous now and I shall be nervous on Saturday morning. It will be like opening your presents on Christmas Day.

"I don't want it to go to penalties, I just want it to be over and done with."

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New hotel ploughs the same furrow

A landmark hotel in the centre of Northampton could soon have a very similar building built next door.

In October 2011, plans were revealed to build a "strikingly modern" four-storey hotel on a car park next to the Plough Hotel in Bridge Street.

But the appearance of the modern, 'boxy', development was opposed by officials from the Guildhall and the scheme proposed by Chiswick-based developers, Newlife Hotels Ltd, was scrapped.

But now, the company has revealed new plans, which would see a hotel built on the Plough's car park which would look strikingly similar to the historic hotel.

In documents which have been submitted to Northampton Borough Council with the latest plans, the firm said the new-style hotel would be modern and attractive, but 'sensitive' to the character of The Plough.

The firm said: "The de-



New plans for the Plough Hotel area.

sign of the proposed new hotel recognises the landmark quality of the Plough Hotel so that while the Plough is not a listed building, and the site is not in a conservation area, the historical significance of the building is fully appreciated and recognised.

"While attempting to avoid being a pastiche, the design seeks to compliment The Plough by continuing the use of existing lines and roof pro-

files, creating a strong visual link."

The site where the new hotel would be built is currently home to a car park and a number of ancillary buildings belonging to The Plough Hotel.

The developers initially hoped a 117-room hotel could be built on the land, but the latest plans show the new hotel building would have just 89 rooms, spread across three

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While the new hotel would be built right next to The Plough, the developers have said it would not function as an extension to the old hotel.

Planning officials from the Guildhall are due to decide whether the plans for the development should be given their backing by the end of June.

● The landmark Plough Hotel in Bridge Street, was

built in 1879. During World War Two, the hotel was used by the American Red Cross Society as a leave centre for American troops.

Over three years, a total of 174,000 servicemen stayed at the hotel and the American flag was raised above the building every day.

Plans to build a modern, four storey, 103-bedroom, hotel on the Plough Hotel's car park were revealed in Oc-

tober 2011.

Those plans were scrapped after Guildhall officials criticised the look of the proposed building.

New designs for a hotel on the car park have now been submitted to the council and the developers have said they hope the scheme will both create employment and provide facilities for business users in Northampton's Enterprise Zone.

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Members of Northampton Borough Council, which is co-ordinating Bloom, and representatives from Northampton Town Centre BID and Brackmills BID joined the community groups and other Bloom supporters to sow and plant some edible plants.

Among the Northampton organisations who will be judged is Richmond Care Village, Grange Park. Senior village advisor Claire Fry said: "As well as using the Delapre Abbey greenhouse, we also have a sensory garden at the village. It fits in with the edible theme because, with dementia residents everything has to be safe in case it is accidentally eaten."

Over the last five years Northampton has won a Silver Gilt and three Golds in the East Midlands in Bloom com-



Back row (from left): Councillor Jim Caswell, Neil Bartholomey, Sue Roberts, Mayoress Jenny Conroy and Councillor Mike Hallam; Front: Councillor David Mackintosh and Mayor Roger Conroy.

petition and two Silvers in the UK Britain in Bloom. This year the town is going for Gold in the regional competition and taking part in International Bloom for the first time.

Councillor John Caswell (Con, Duston), cabinet member for the environment, said: "It is about bringing communities together through gardening and improving the environment. Everyone can do something."

Everyone taking part is invited to enter the town's own Bloom competition with awards for best front garden, best back garden, best hanging basket, best school, best pub and best commercial premises. The closing date for entries is June 14.

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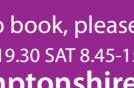
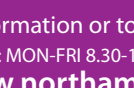
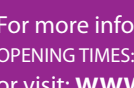
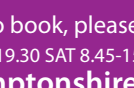
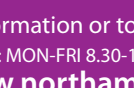
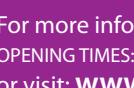
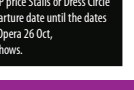
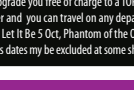
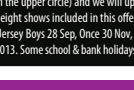
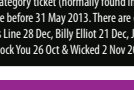
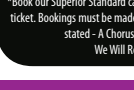
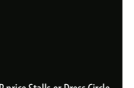
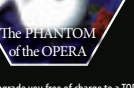
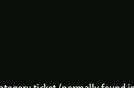
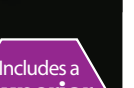
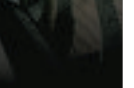
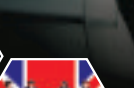
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A new assistant chief constable (ACC) for Northamptonshire Police has been appointed, with responsibility for tackling serious crime and crime gangs.

Russ Foster will join the force from Derbyshire Police, where he is currently a chief superintendent.

He will take over from Paul Phillips, who has been acting chief constable for the last three months.

Northamptonshire Police advertised for a new ACC after the promotion of Martin Jelley, who stepped up to become deputy chief constable.

He replaced Suzette Davenport, who left this year to become chief constable in Gloucestershire.

ACC Foster said: "I have spent my entire policing career in the East Midlands and am delighted to have been appointed.

"Northamptonshire Police is focused on making this county the safest in the coun-



Russ Foster has joined Northamptonshire Police as the new assistant chief constable responsible for tackling serious crime and criminal gangs in the county.

try and I am absolutely committed to doing the very best I can to help us achieve this.

"I look forward to getting to know officers and staff throughout the force and working closely with them to make communities safer."

ACC Foster joined Nottinghamshire Police in 1993 and served as a detective in every rank up to detective superintendent before transferring to Derbyshire in 2009, where his roles included head of serious and organised crime.

Chief constable Adrian Lee said: "I am very pleased Russ will be joining us and I look forward to working with him on our journey towards becoming the safest county in the country.

"Russ was appointed after a tough selection process.

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BY JONATHAN CROUCH
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A great technical achievement

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 God bless
 All my love Carol
 x x x x

Dad the memories that we shared together
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 God bless & thank you for everything.
 All our love Mark, Anne, Aimee & Sam
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 We will love & miss you so much &
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 x x x x

Obituaries



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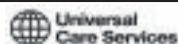
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Aidy protects his players

Boothroyd 'awesome' at shielding Town squad from pressure

FOOTBALL

By JEFFERSON LAKE
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Clarke Carlisle says Cobblers boss Aidy Boothroyd is 'awesome' at taking away the team's Wembley distractions and shielding the squad from the associated hype.

Town held their media day for Saturday's npower League Two play-off final on Monday and now all of the club's preparations for the game against Bradford City will take place behind closed doors.

Such secrecy is done with one key objective in mind - to insulate the players from the excitement that surrounds a game in which league one football is the mouthwatering reward.

Carlisle, who won a play-off final with Burnley in 2009, believes that factor could make the difference between success and failure at the national stadium and that Boothroyd is just the man to ensure distractions are kept to a minimum.

"The biggest element of a Wembley final is not get-

ting caught up in the sense of occasion and not getting there and thinking that is the achievement," said Carlisle.

"There are so many distractions about a final, so many distractions about a showpiece event. The gaffer is awesome at taking those away.

"If you get a group of guys who can retain their focus as though it is just any other game, and keep things as normal as possible, that gives you the greatest opportunity to perform well.

"That's a significant part of playing successfully at Wembley."

Even after the club's flirtation with non-League football last term, the defender was confident Boothroyd - with whom he worked at Watford - could bring the good times back to Sixfields.

"When I came here the first time around I told you exactly what I thought of Aidy Boothroyd and what he would be capable of achieving at this club," he said.

"So no, I'm not surprised. I wholeheartedly believed that if we survived last season that we would go on to bigger and better things this year."



Cobblers boss Aidy Boothroyd, pictured here (centre) during the play-off semi-final second leg at Cheltenham, is doing his best to shield his squad from the hype ahead of Saturday's play-off final at Wembley

Samu Manoa in action
against Saracens last
weekend



Manoa hails unity

SAMU MANOA hailed the unity in the Saints squad after they smashed Saracens to book a place at Twickenham.

Manoa and Co will face Leicester in the Premiership grand final after a 27-13 rout of the regular-season table-toppers at Allianz Park.

The win was reward for a committed display from start to finish as Jim Mallinder's men showed they are capa-

ble of beating the best. And Manoa, who was deservedly named man of the match after putting in an crushing performance, says it was Saints' willingness to scrap for each other that saw them through.

"It was extraordinary," said the American star.

"Big up to the Saracens side, they're a good side, we just had to break down the defence. That's a big part of their game.

"We knew we had it in us and as the sign says in the locker room, 'Why not us?'. That's a big part of it. We all play for each other and play as a team, as one.

"The unity was there and we told everybody just to do their job, play as a squad and come out with a win."

Saints will now spend the next couple of weeks preparing for a showpiece showdown with east midlands rivals Leicester.